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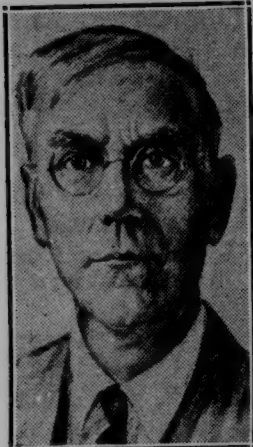
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REED SMOOT ATTENDS STAKE CONFERENCE

President Heber J. Grant and Elder Reed Smoot of the Council of Twelve were speakers at our stake conference, Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3. The revered president came to dedicate the new Berkeley ward chapel and spoke at all sessions. He was in excellent health and spoke with fervor and most impressively, to the delight and joy of the Saints gathered, for the Oakland chapel was crowded at every meeting.

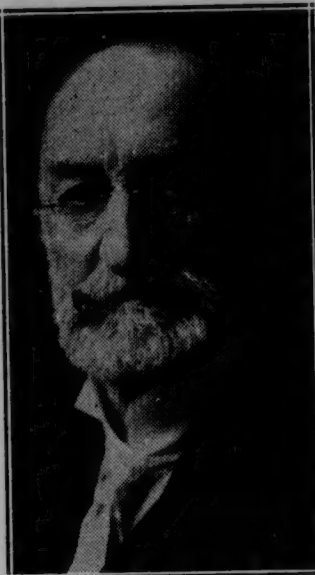


Changes in stake officers were made in the release of Delbert H. Rock and Frank J. Parsons from the High Council and the sustaining of Elder Parsons as Chairman of the stake music committee, and Dr. Ray H. Fisher to the High Council. These changes came with the removal of Elder Rock to Salt Lake.

The Saturday evening session was an exclusive priesthood meeting, given to reports of various quorums and priesthood committees. President Grant gave a stirring appeal for loyalty and diligence of those holding the priesthood and power of God. Priesthood activity was featured in the Sunday morning session, with short talks by Teacher Joe Roy Hilton of Dimond, Priest Gail Cragun of Elmhurst, Elder Chas. Putnam of Oakland, and Bishop P. W. Dunyon of Berkeley with a class demonstration from the Elders' group. Asst Sup't Ida Nelson of the Primary discussed the work of this organization in the boy's preparation for the Priesthood. Elder Reed Smoot appreciated the fine work of the women of the Church in the training of the boys and their encouragement and help to the Priesthood. He related personal incidents and urged all to loyal faithfulness for the Gospel and its principles. He declared in thirty years' service in the Senate of the United States, he had never found it embarrassing to loyally defend his membership in the Mormon Church. It had often been an added credit to him. President Grant made a few closing remarks. Both were speakers at the afternoon session which was held in the new Berkeley Ward chapel.

The evening session was the MIA meeting, and featured on the program were Frank J. Parsons, new chairman of the Stake Music Committee, Miss Laura Snow, director of dramatics of evening schools of Technical and Fremont high schools, Oakland. President Grant was given the major part of the program, and for more than an hour addressed the assemblage of young people of the Stake. He related many incidents and stories of his life, pointing to the reward that comes to those who "stick to their principles." "What I have done, you can do," he said, and referred often to his text: "That which we persist in doing, becomes easier to do, not that the nature of the thing has changed, but that our power to do has increased." This also holds true in sin and evil.

THUMB-NAIL BIOGRAPHIES



HEBER JEDEDIAH GRANT, seventh president of the Church, born in Salt Lake City, Utah, November 22, 1856, son of Jedediah M. and Rachel Ivins Grant. Early showed unusual business acumen and became very energetic in banking and insurance circles. At age 24 he was chosen president of the Tooele Stake, and two years later, October 16, 1882 was ordained an apostle by Geo. Q. Cannon. On November 23, 1918, he was sustained President of the Church at the age of 63. He attains the age of 76 this month, honored and revered by the Saints throughout the 114 Stakes of the Church.

MARKER

To direct automobile tourists, a highway marker was recently erected by the State of Illinois, near Carthage, which reads:

"The 'Old Jail.'"

In the old Carthage jail, which stands one block south of here, Joseph and Hyrum Smith, prophet and patriarch of the Mormon Church were killed by a mob on June 27, 1844. Two years later the Mormons withdrew from Illinois, where they had settled in 1839, to the Great Salt Lake.

Erected by the State of Illinois, 1935."

This is the first material recognition that the Prophet has received at the hands of the town in which he was murdered. However, it marks a turning point in the attitude toward "Mormonism" of the county which alternately fostered and harassed the Latter-day Saints. The jail, erected in 1844, a few months before the historic tragedy, is now owned by the Church and under the direction of Northern States Mission. Missionaries act as guides to tourists who visit the spot.

AT THE FAIR

Saturday, November 9, was designated "Latter-day Saint Day" at America's Exposition in San Diego. Under the direction of Dr. John A. Widtsoe, of the Quorum of the Twelve, the Church directed the day's program in the House of Hospitality auditorium. Our Church has one of the outstanding exhibits at the exposition.

Science, literature and the arts cannot take the place of religion. While religion never ceases for good, nevertheless it takes a tremendous amount of it to keep us, with our many human frailties, doing our best all the time.—Elder Richard R. Lyman.

TRUTH

Truth is the beginning of every good thing, both in heaven and on earth; and he who would be blessed and happy should be from the first a partaker of the truth, that he may live a true man as long as possible, for then he can be trusted; but he is not to be trusted who loves voluntary falsehood, and he who loves involuntary falsehood is a fool.—Plato.

PRESIDENT GRANT DEDICATES NEW BERKELEY CHAPEL

The beautiful new Berkeley Ward chapel was dedicated by President Heber J. Grant, Sunday afternoon, November 3. The services were held as part of the regular quarterly stake conference, and the spacious new building was crowded to capacity. In impressive ceremonies, under the direction of Bishop Phares W. Dunyon, the story of the building of the church's newest and most modern plant, was told by those who had directed the work. The musical numbers were exceptional and included splendid work by the ward's new choir, directed by W. King Driggs. Elder Reed Smoot of the Council of the Twelve, was present, and made brief remarks, congratulating the people of the ward on their "splendid achievement." President Grant complimented the Bishopric and building committee on the fine arrangement and spaciousness of the building, and turning to Theodore Ruegg, the architect, said, "I hope you build more churches for us." Then the venerable President offered a fervent prayer of dedication.

"Set Thine House in Order"

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, through a grateful Stake Presidency, Ward Bishopric and Building Committee, expresses its deep appreciation to the "doers of the work"—each and all, who were inspired to prepare this building as a house of worship, and a lasting monument to the Power and Goodness of God."

Others on the program included Bishop Dunyon, A. D. Ericksen, chairman of the building committee, Stake President Macdonald, and musical numbers by the choir, Dorothy Dunyon Shattuck and LeGrande Anderson. The invocation was offered by Wm. T. Hicken and the benediction by Pres. J. Edward Johnson.

"The Messenger" expresses the pride of all LDS in this new meeting-house in the Oakland Stake, and congratulates especially those who directed its building: Building committee: A. D. Ericksen, chairman; Phares W. Dunyon, Reed S. Gardner, Francis R. Wilcox, Wm. T. Hicken, Archie G. Hill, and Denzil Allen; architect, Theodore G. Ruegg; superintendent of construction, Fred W. Ebersole; consulting engineer, C. A. Lund; landscaping, Harry W. Shepherd, I. B. Ball, Mariner Swensen, Arden B. Olson, and Erick C. Waldhouse; ladies' advisory committee, Mrs. Rachel Ball, Margaret P. Gardner, and Cleone Wilcox.

MISSIONARIES

Eighteen young people of the Stake have been called by the Stake Presidency to serve in the Stake Mission under the direction of President Wm. T. Hicken. They have been called to serve for a year and will do active missionary work during their leisure and spare time. Those called include, Reed Chase, Leland A. Bergman, Cecelia Jensen, Chas. Putnam, Reuben Bergman, James Kay, Wanda Chase, Doris P. Stewart, Hubert Nielsen, Ardell Kay, Karelton Driggs, Alice Johnson, Ray Shields and Ann Seifert, all of Oakland Ward. A. Ivins Hilton of Dimond, Raymond Larson of Martinez, and George Badouin and Lillian Morley of Richmond.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1

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PRAYER

"Pray unto the Lord, call upon his holy name, make known his wonderful works among the people; call upon the Lord, that this kingdom may go forth upon the earth, that the inhabitants thereof may receive it and be prepared for the days to come in which the Son of Man shall come down in heaven clothed in the brightness of his glory to meet the kingdom of God which is set upon the earth." Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 65.

A study of the important subject of prayer is recommended as the ward teachers' message for December. It is urged that teachers make careful and prayerful preparation before going into the homes of the Saints and that the suggestion be made in each home that this subject be given earnest consideration during the month. References suggested for study are Doc. and Cov., Sec. 65 and 68, Verses 28, 33; Matt. 21:21, 22; Mark 11:23-26; Luke 11:2-4; also the full text of the hymn "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire."

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Uttered or unexpressed:
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast."

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not therefore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." (Matt. 6:7-8)

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." (Matt. 6:6; 3 Nephi 13:6)

Pray in Faith:

"Pray always that you enter not into temptation, that you may abide the day of His coming, whether in life or in death." (Doc. and Cov., 8:10)

"He that observeth not his prayers before the Lord in the season thereof, let him be had in remembrance before the judge of my people." (Doc. and Cov., 68:33; 133:6)

Spirit of Prayer:

"Prayer does not consist of words, altogether. True, faithful, earnest prayer consists more in the feeling that rises from the heart and from the inward desire of our spirits to supplicate the Lord in humility and in faith, that we may receive His blessings. It matters not how simple the words be, if our desires are genuine and we come before the Lord with a broken heart and a contrite spirit to ask Him for that which we need." — President Joseph F. Smith.

ASSIGNMENTS

High Council and Missionary appointments for Sunday, November 17, 1935:

ALAMEDA—C. M. Dewsnup and R. T. Cox
BERKELEY—R. H. Fisher and E. J. Partridge
DIMOND—John Soelberg and P. W. Jackson
ELMHURST—J. B. Ball and G. E. Elliot
HAYWARD—C. C. Carr and Oscar Fontano
MARTINEZ—O. L. Stone and H. Brown
OAKLAND—W. T. Hicken and E. Carr
PITTSBURG—F. J. Parsons and J. G. Wimmer
VALLEJO—J. J. Kest and W. K. Brey

A PLEA TO THE INDIFFERENT

By ELDER STEPHEN L. RICHARDS
Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

We need the services of the able men and women in this Church who regard themselves as being unorthodox. Some of them are among the brightest and most capable people that we have in the Church and many are of excellent character. Not a few are in the professional and business world and have permitted their vocations to so completely occupy their time and attention that they have neglected their opportunities and duties in the Church—in consequence of which, they find their affection to the great cause has waned and their faith has declined.

Come back, you lawyers, doctors and men of affairs—we need you and you need us. Your faith is not dead, it is but sleeping. You know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and you know that Joseph Smith is a prophet. That knowledge was given to you to bring you joy and faith. It will condemn you and bring you misery if you do not heed it. I plead with you, my dear brethren and sisters, who are not in this conference today, who are seldom in any meeting of the Church, if in any way my words shall reach you, come back to those who love you. You will find open arms to receive you. You are not ostracized because you have departed from the straight path of duty—you belong to a Church which is the Church of Christ, with the Christian virtues of mercy, forgiveness and tolerance. Many of you have entered the new and everlasting covenant—that great compact with God, our Eternal Father, as first party, and all of us, his children as second parties by virtue of which you are to receive blessings and joys that pass the understanding in return for keeping his commandments. Do not forfeit your rights—they are much too important to you and your loved ones. You can not afford to set an unworthy example—your children will see it—other men's children will be influenced by it—it will fill you with remorse to know that you have led one soul astray.

I need not remind you of all that you should do, your hearts will guide you, if you will but consult them. If you are not ashamed of the Gospel, criticism and doubt will leave you—faith and love will take their place. You will bless humanity and God will bless you.

I regret that any man if he claims membership in this Church would presume to close the mouth of the president of the Church. I feel that it is our duty to warn when we see dangers, and when we discover that there are members of the Church who do not seem to understand what course they should take. We have a perfect right to direct them. That is our duty. We would not be doing our duty at conference if we did not do it.—Elder Joseph Fielding Smith.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Kate Robinson Domack writes from Eldridge, California, October 29, of her father, Joseph E. Robinson, former president of the California Mission, now manager of the Sonoma State Home:

"Father very low with pneumonia and a bad heart. He has been in the hospital since October 1. Is in no pain now, and sleeps a great deal. If possible would like to have the Oakland wards remember him Sunday. Everything possible for his comfort is being done. All are most kind to him. The doctors say if he recovers it will indeed be a miracle."

THE HOLY GHOST

(The following was given as a three minute talk from the Missionary class in Sacramento meeting, Elmhurst Ward, September 29, 1935.—Editor.)

The greatest gift of God to man is the gift of the Spirit.

We are told that the Father has a spirit of flesh and bones, as tangible as man's; the Son also, but the Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit. It is one of the characters that form the Trinity or Godhead and is a special gift of the Father, which is conferred upon a person after he has been baptized. "Baptism is the Birth of Water; Confirmation is the Birth of Spirit."

Two of the external gifts of the Holy Ghost, are manifested in prophecies and healings. An example of the first is found in Acts 2:38, "Peter said unto them, 'Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'"

We all know of Peter's love for his master, yet just a short while before Jesus was crucified he told Peter that before the cock crew he would deny him thrice. And Peter did just that. The third time, a person identified him as a disciple of Christ, he said, "Man, I know not what thou sayest, and immediately while he yet spake, the cock crew."

But after the Holy Ghost was conferred upon him, his love and faith grew strong, and he suffered even death, proclaiming the word of the Savior that he had thrice denied.

To show power that came upon Peter after receiving the Holy Ghost, I would like to speak of the time when Peter, going up to the Temple to pray, passed by a man, lame from birth, who cried, "Alms—Alms," and Peter answered, "Silver and Gold I have none, but such as I have I give thee. In the name of Jesus Christ, of Nazareth, rise up and walk." He took him by the hand and the beggar leaped and shouted for joy, praising God.

Some of the internal fruits of the Holy Ghost are understanding, Joy and patience. I think the first is illustrated beautifully in Katie C. Jensen's remarks, "Understanding is the beginning of happiness in friendship, success in marriage and joy in living."

Patience is proven in the story of the stoning of Stephen, who met death while preaching of Jesus. While he was bruised and bleeding, he kneeled and cried, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." When he said this, he died, a martyr to the cause of Jesus.

This same power exists in our church today. Men holding the holy priesthood, filled with the Holy Ghost, speak in the name of Jesus Christ and the sick are healed.—Barbara Paine Martin of Elmhurst.

CHURCH BOOKS

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The Time of the End

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MARRIAGES

HUGEL-GENLER: Elizabeth Anne Hugel of Oakland, and Kenneth Peter Gengler of Richmond, were married in Reno, October 26.

BEEM-DRAGON: Laura Beem of Oakland and Ernest Dragon, were married at the bride's home, October 5. Bishop Arthur L. Hopkins officiated.

REID-BRADSON: Isabelle Reid of Oakland and Leonard Lorraine Bradson of Richmond, were married in the Oakland Ward Chapel, October 6. Bishop Arthur L. Hopkins officiated.

EVERETT-CAMPBELL: Bernice Everett and Frank Campbell, September 20. Eugene B. Jacobs officiated.

SIMS-ORTH: Eloise Sims and Bert Robert Orth will be married in Salt Lake City, November 20.

BIRTHS

DAUGHTER, Sharon Louise, born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bernards, of Martinez, September 22.

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Call of Dimond, October 7.

SON, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Rice of Dimond, October 20.

ORDINATIONS

HIGH PRIESTS: Charles Harding of Berkeley, Dr. Mark A. Dalton and Dr. Ray H. Fisher of Dimond.

ELDERS: John Openshaw, Ervin Charrington, Wayne Robinson, Frank Ellsworth Jr., William Russell, Fred Ellsworth, Wendell Jackson and Thos. Ferguson of Dimond.

PRIESTS: John Morgan, Wilmer Jackson and Paul Jenkel Jr. of Dimond.

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

A reorganization of the presidency was effected at the last union meeting, when Anna Ellsworth and Vera P. Young were honorably released as counselors to President Sarah J. Carruth. Ivie S. Breck, and Sarah E. Banning were sustained in their places. We welcome the new officers, and regret that home conditions and illness necessitated the release of such splendid and capable workers as sisters Ellsworth and Young.

Cleone Wilcox, chorister and Mary Rex, organist, who have both removed from the stake, were also released. Sister Wilcox left November 9, with her husband, for Washington, D. C. It will be remembered that the Rexs are now in Hawaii.

Annual stake conference-convention will be held Sunday, November 17 in Oakland chapel, with a number of visitors from Salt Lake expected. Saturday evening the Stake board will meet in executive session with the visitors.

The Sunday morning session, 9 a. m., will be a roundtable discussion of church social welfare problems. The General Board Member will discuss the "Relationship of Church Relief to the Public Relief Program and Social Security." Bishops and all stake and ward Relief Society officers are invited to attend this session and the one that follows at 10:30 a. m. "Prevention of Crime" will be the topic of discussion of this meeting. The public generally is cordially invited to attend the 2 p. m. session.

PRIMARY

It is with a great deal of pleasure we announce several new members on our Stake Board. Leona Sprague is charge of the Trail Builders, Zora Eves the Zion's Boys and Girls, and Thelma Elmers, Group 1. These leaders are highly capable, and being successful teachers of those groups in their own wards, they are able to assist in solving problems by actual contact with them.

At our recent quarterly conference a splendid report on our guide boys was given by Ida Nielson. We were pleased to learn that 91 per cent of the 11 year-old boys are active guides. Let us work to bring the few other boys and have 100 per cent enter their Priesthood and Scout work through this gate way.

Do you have the "Children's Friend" in your home? It is the only children's magazine in the church, and is full of pleasant things for them, and innumerable helps for parents and teachers too. A fine Christmas gift for your boy or girl.

Our next Union Meeting is a "play day," at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, November 23. We are going to have the first Christmas party of the season so let's have a good one—every officer and teacher should be present and ready for fun.

Released with a vote of thanks for their labors: Ardell Kay, our efficient secretary, and Sarah Olson, group leader.

M. I. A.

Thomas M. Pyne has been sustained as second assistant to Sup't W. Glenn Harmon of the YMMIA, succeeding Joseph Checketts, released. Welcome, Tom. Last year he gave splendid service in the ward MIA in Oakland, and the Stake MIA are anticipating fine help from him this year.

The annual Utah-Idaho Ball, the outstanding social event of the MIA of the Bay region, will be held Wednesday evening, November 27 (Thanksgiving eve) in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 1547 Oak Street, Oakland.

GENEALOGICAL

The Stake Genealogical Convention was held in Oakland Chapel, Saturday and Sunday, November 9 and 10, with Elder A. William Lund of Salt Lake in attendance. It was the most successful and largest-attended convention of genealogy workers ever held here.

A colorful pageant, depicting Indian legends was presented Saturday evening by the Dimond ward group, under the direction of Mrs. Chas. Cherrington. In the Sunday morning session, Asst Sup't E. B. Jacobs, in the absence of Chairman W. A. Moody, gave a report of the splendid work done in the stake during the past year. Isaac B. Ball of the High Council talked of the art of teaching. In the afternoon session, stories of the search for family records were given by Helene Brummett of Elmhurst and Clarence Booth of Dimond. Musical numbers included a vocal solo by Clyde J. Summerhays, and two numbers by the Berkeley male quartette.

Throughout the convention, inspiring instructions were given by Elder Lund on all phases of genealogical work. Many instances were related showing almost miraculous finding of records that were important links in family chains. The work in the temples, the great idea behind temple marriages, were subjects treated by the visitor from Salt Lake. Elder Lund expressed joy and satisfaction with the work being accomplished in Oakland Stake.

BROTHER OF JARED

The name of the brother of Jared is Mahonri Moriancumer. In a note on an article of the Jaredites, Elder George Reynolds in the Juvenile Instructor, Volume 27, page 282, says concerning the revealing of the name which is not found in the Book of Mormon:

"While residing in Kirtland, Elder Reynolds Cahoon had a son born to him. One day when President Joseph Smith was passing his door he called the prophet in and asked him to bless and name the baby. Joseph did so and gave the boy the name of Mahonri Moriancumer. When he had finished the blessing he laid the child on the bed and turning to Elder Cahoon he said, 'the name I have given your son is the name of the brother of Jared; the Lord has just shown (or revealed) it to me.' Elder William F. Cahoon, who was standing near, heard the prophet make this statement to his father; and this was the first time the name of the brother of Jared was known in the Church in this dispensation."

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VALLEJO

Hyrum Mechem of the San Francisco Stake High Council, was the speaker Sunday evening, October 13.

John Soelberg, of the High Council, and Oscar Fontana, Stake Missionary, gave the Vallejo Branch a real treat when they were speakers on October 20.

Our newly organized Mutual under the direction of Walter G. Bolander, superintendent and Wilma Emily Gilbert, president, sponsored a delightful Hallowe'en Dance, Tuesday, October 29. Members came in costume, and many interesting characters were represented. A few members from Martinez enjoyed the evening with us.

Wells Shurtleff, has just returned home from the University of California Hospital, recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.

Walter Brey, of Martinez, and Henry Neerings, Vallejo's Stake Missionary, were the speakers on October 27.

Vallejo is happy to welcome three new families. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Neilsen and family, from Preston, Idaho. They were members of the Vallejo Branch five years ago. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lewis and family from San Francisco Ward; Arthur B. Case, High Priest, has recently returned to Vallejo.

Vallejo is growing.

ALAMEDA

The MIA got off to a good start with their opening dance. Wendell Jensen recently put into the Bishopric will continue as superintendent of the YMMIA for a short time, with Eldred Holdoway and W. N. Clayson as counselors. Mrs. Lu Seavers is president of the YWMIA with Gladys Clayson and Lorraine Powell as her counselors.

A good live officers' and teachers' meeting was held on October 2. After meeting, games were played. There were 32 present.

ELMHURST

Bishop McFarlane while in the Bishop's meeting October 9, received an urgent phone call from home to "come at once." Excusing himself, he went to his home to find a gathering of friends awaiting him to extend congratulations, the occasion being his birthday. Games and refreshments were the order of the evening. The feature of the party was the "renewal shower." Bishop and Mrs. McFarlane were recipients of many useful gifts.

The Ward outing in Durant Park, Saturday, October 5, sponsored by the MIA and the Priesthood, was a pronounced "success." Sports and games during the afternoon and a real barn dance at night. Excellent dance music was furnished by the Maxwell Park Dads' Club "Haywire" orchestra of fifteen pieces.

Supt. Inez. McFarlane of the Primary urges all parents of the Ward to send their children to Primary. Children receive a wonderful training of such nature that, in later years, will thank you for insisting upon their attendance. Primary meets each Saturday at 10:00 a. m.

The Relief Society Presidency are happy to have attained 100 per cent subscriptions to the Relief Society Magazine. They express their appreciation to these subscribers for their splendid cooperation. It is hoped the Improvement Era will follow suit with their quota.

Our Ward Teaching made a "flop" for October. Let's set our minds on 100 per cent visits for November—140 families to contact, so let's start the work now. Procrastination is detrimental to success. Give your cooperation to the Ward Teachers

Committee who are ever desirous of attaining a complete visit.

The following were welcomed as members of our Ward during October, Vaun W. Moody and R. L. Hunter and family.

MARTINEZ

The annual Hallowe'en Party, Thursday evening, October 31, was well attended. Dancing and games were enjoyed by all. Louise Olsen and Werner Von Dorp were prize winners for the most original costumes.

Primary children's Hallowe'en party was held Friday afternoon.

A surprise shower was given recently for Mrs. Frieda Brey.

Mrs. Roberta Storey is convalescing after a major operation. Mrs. Nickolas of Willard, Utah, mother of Mrs. Storey was a visitor in Martinez and Crockett during the illness of her daughter.

Martinez Ward is now in possession of a chapel site, the church having purchased land, for that purpose, at the end of Arch street.

Sister Hipwell is recovering from a very serious illness.

Willard Knowles, second counselor in the Bishopric, and coach of athletics at Alhambra High School has been appointed principal of the school.

Mrs. C. Peterson, of Rodeo, is conducting a primary group very successfully there.

Expert advice on bass fishing may be obtained from Walter Brey, our fiery missionary leader.

Don J. Allphin, Elmo Carr, and Frank H. Nelson were speakers at Sacrament meeting, October 20.

RICHMOND

Wm. R. Fuller was given a hearty welcome and many friendly greetings when he attended Sunday School, October 27. He left the same day for McCloud, California, where he has been working for the past few months. He expects to be with us permanently soon.

Timothy Morley Jr. received a call from the Stake as a member of the Mormon Male Chorus. Richmond Ward is proud to have a representative in that fine group of young men.

Leonard J. Aikens has been appointed to serve on the Stake Board of the YMMIA.

The Relief Society is happy to welcome as new members, Christina Thulin, Thelma Marceyes, and Adele Miner. Sister Miner is the new leader of the Social Service class and we look forward to very interesting and instructive lessons. We welcome Nina Fawcett and Jessie Pierson who were out of the Ward for a time.

Plans for a Relief Society apron and food sale are under way. Nettie Dewsnup, new work leader is chairman and the sale will be held on Macdonald Avenue, Friday, November 22.

Genealogical work is progressing with great interest in the part of the class.

A very successful MIA Hallowe'en Party was held Tuesday evening, October 29. The good music and refreshments were greatly enjoyed. Clifford Waters won the children's prize with clever and formidable appearing pirates costume, while C. M. Dewsnup took the adult prize as "Tony, the Organ Grinder," "Monkey" and all.

L. J. Aikens is working on apparatus which will soon provide the MIA with music, suitable for dancing.

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DIMOND

Sunday night services; November 17, Boy Scout Court of Honor; November 24, Ward Primary Conference; December 1, MIA Conjoint.

The next MIA Dance will be held November 22. Those who attended the exceptionally fine party of October 18, will be sure and attend this one.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Christine Mortenson who has been seriously ill.

Mrs. Leona Peterson has returned home after five weeks illness at a local hospital.

BERKELEY

Mr. and Mrs. Rodino L. Hickman of Ogden are visiting friends. They were former Stake MIA workers here.

We welcome President Victor Lindblad and family, and his mother, from the Sacramento Stake, new members of Berkeley Ward. Pres. Lindblad is the new Scout executive for the Berkeley-Contra Costa council. He was a member of the Stake Presidency in Sacramento, his wife, Stake YWMIA President, and his mother, Stake Relief Society President. Welcome, thrice welcome.

Mrs. John Hangartner and son will return this week from Europe where they have been for the past three months.

The Ward MIA Hallowe'en party, October 30, direction of Arthela Hughes was a most delightful social affair.

Eva Castro Pinkerton, Anna B. Musser, Geo. D. Hughes and A. William Lund, assistant Church Historian, were speakers in an inspiring sacrament meeting, Sunday evening, November 10.

OAKLAND

Mrs. Angus Norberg is visiting in Salt Lake City.

Ward Primary will be held Sunday evening, November 24.

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Fornoff are visiting relatives in Logan, Utah. Vernon Chapman, chorister, has returned from Idaho where he visited his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Stone have returned from a ten-day trip thru the Northwest.

Grover Rich's mother and brother, Elwood, are here spending the winter in Oakland.

The Oakland Ward had an enjoyable evening, November 8, when the Relief Society served dinner to 135 people, with "Bing" Beesley as master of ceremonies. Louise Beesley and Lola Smith were in charge of tickets, Irene Bastow and Mary Huish in charge of table decorations, and Clara Fellers in charge of the kitchen. The Gleaner Girls, under the direction of Ardell Kay, served. Following the dinner the Mutual had a military ball which was well attended.

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